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# Outpouring Worship Center

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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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## **Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements**

To Whom it May Concern:

Ravenna Assembly of God AKA Outpouring Worship Center is a non-profit religious organization which is located at 11811 Hts. Ravenna Rd, Ravenna, Michigan 49451. The Church Produces two 30 minute programs a week the flag ship program is "**Outpouring**" which is the local Sunday Service edited down to meet time requirements. The second program is "**Cutting Edge Video's**" which is a youth orientated program highlighting today's popular Christian Music Video's. Both programs utilize in-house personal & volunteers to man the cameras and edit the programs.

Through the media of broadcasting the Ravenna Assembly of God AKA Outpouring Worship Center has been able to reach past the walls of the Church to minister to those that are physically unable to attend the service be it a health issues or financial and were able to reach those that are incarcerated with the Gospel of Christ in addition many of today's youth are being reached through the "Cutting Edge Video's" program.

For the reasons set forth below, Ravenna Assembly of God AKA Outpouring Worship Center requests an undue burden exemption from closed captioning rules for "Outpouring" and for "Cutting Edge Video's", pursuant to section 79.1(f) of the Commission's rules.

### **Nature and Cost of Closed Captions**

Both programs would have to be sent to an outside source which I located on the internet called "Closed Caption Maker" which charges \$200.00 per 30 minutes for Closed Captioning per tape. So just for captioning it would be an additional \$400.00 a week and this would be an added burden. Since Outpouring Worship Center is already in need of new camera's and editing equipment, plus shipping the programs out would also jeopardize meeting air time schedules every week.

### **Impact on the operation of the Program Provider**

To have Closed Captions added would be an undue burden that this Ministry cannot see being able to afford given the size and location of our facility and yearly income. The impact on our ability to reach those that God has called us to reach through the media of broadcasting would be greatly felt throughout the community and the local prison and nursing facilities and to the youth and young adults that the "Cutting Edge" program ministers to.

### **Financial Resources of the Program Provider**

Ravenna Assembly of God AKA Outpouring Worship Center is 501 C-3 organization, (see financial statements attached).

The Captioning assistance is not available we have been told to have Closed Captioning or to seek an exemption to the Closed Captioning Requirements in order to keep airing.

### **Type of Operations of the Program Provider**

Ravenna Assembly of God AKA Outpouring Worship Center is a Church that is focused on raising up people to their fullest potential so that they can fulfill the call of God on their lives. The Church reaches the community through the broadcasts and through the many Ministries the Church offers.

### **Other factors**

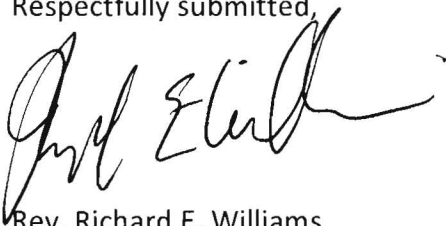
The Petitioner believes the local, non-news exemption to the closed captioning rules also applies to the "Outpouring Broadcast" and to the "Cutting Edge" program as well.

The programs are not news, they do not have repeat value, and the electronic newsroom technique is not available. Notwithstanding the applicability of the exemption, we have filed this petition in an abundance of caution and for the purpose of establishing certainty.

## Conclusion

As shown by this Petition and its attachments the Commission should grant a waiver of the closed captioning requirements in this case, because requiring closed captioning would create an undue burden. The cost of captioning would highly impact the Petitioner's operation. The Petitioner's operations and financial resources are different in kind and magnitude from a mainstream programming provider. Because of this significant difficulty and expense of providing closed captions, a waiver under 79.1(f) is warranted. If more information is needed, please contact me at the address provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Williams", written over a horizontal line.

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INCOME

CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

GF - Tithes and Offerings	\$112,870.50	\$112,870.50
Sold Items	37.00	37.00
Insurance Claims	11,842.92	11,842.92
GF- Guest Speaker Inc	90.00	90.00
Rebates/Refunds	77.16	77.16

Subtotal General Fund	124,917.58	124,917.58
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DYNAMIC KIDS

DK - Offering	2.00	2.00
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FAMILY TRAINING

FT - Offering	277.59	277.59
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CUTTING EDGE

CE - Offering	104.21	104.21
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WM - Events	262.60	262.60
WM - Fund Raiser	2,168.00	2,168.00

Subtotal Women's Ministry	2,430.60	2,430.60
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MEN'S MINISTRY

Men - Offering	190.00	190.00
Men - Misc.	10.00	10.00

Subtotal Men's Ministry	200.00	200.00
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WORSHIP

Worship/Misc	5.00	5.00
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MULTI MEDIA

MMM - Offering	2,959.00	2,959.00
MMM - Pledge	2,401.00	2,401.00

Subtotal Multi Media	5,360.00	5,360.00
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MISSIONS

Miss- Offering	703.00	703.00
Miss- Pledge-General	16.00	16.00

Subtotal Missions	719.00	719.00
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STORE INCOME

Store Sales	88.40	88.40
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FOOD PANTRY

FP - Offering	5.00	5.00
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BUILDING FUND

BF - Offering	440.00	440.00
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CAMP/RETREAT

CR - Offering	167.40	167.40
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Subtotal Contributions	134,716.78	134,716.78
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INVESTMENT INCOME

Checking Account Interest	30.76	30.76
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TOTAL INCOME	134,747.54	134,747.54
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EXPENSES

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	Current Period	Year to Date
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GENERAL EXPENSES		
SALARIES EXPENSES		
Pastor's Salary	\$46,130.00	\$46,130.00
Admin. Staff Salaries	1,350.00	1,350.00
FICA - Employer Exp	307.59	307.59
Subtotal Salaries Expenses	47,787.59	47,787.59
UTILITIES EXPENSES		
PARSONAGE UTILITIES		
Electric Parsonage Exp	2,263.71	2,263.71
Gas Parsonage Exp	1,402.40	1,402.40
Telephone Parsonage Exp	181.55	181.55
Internet Parsonage Exp	426.90	426.90
Subtotal Parsonage Utilities	4,274.56	4,274.56
CHURCH UTILITIES		
Electric Church Exp	3,836.83	3,836.83
Gas Church Exp	7,269.69	7,269.69
Telephone Church Exp	389.06	389.06
Internet Church Exp	419.40	419.40
Clergy Wireless Exp	1,368.78	1,368.78
Water/Sewer Exp	647.60	647.60
Garbage Exp	802.47	802.47
Subtotal Church Utilities	14,733.83	14,733.83
Subtotal Utilities Expenses	19,008.39	19,008.39
INSURANCE EXPENSES		
Clergy Health Ins. Exp	15,675.06	15,675.06
Clergy HSA Deposit	6,150.00	6,150.00
Property Insurance Exp	2,912.25	2,912.25
Workman Comp Exp	413.00	413.00
Subtotal Insurance Expenses	25,150.31	25,150.31
LOANS EXPENSES		
Mortgage Exp	6,371.07	6,371.07
Mortgage Interest Exp	10,867.65	10,867.65
Subtotal Loans Expenses	17,238.72	17,238.72
BUILDING EXPENSES		
Church Maintenance	12,220.11	12,220.11
Chr Furn/Appliance Exp	1,272.89	1,272.89
Tools	150.00	150.00
Parsonage Maintenance Exp	97.13	97.13
Pars Furn/Appliance Exp	725.05	725.05
Lawn/Yard/Snow Maint Exp	3,067.76	3,067.76
Subtotal Building Expenses	17,532.94	17,532.94
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Postage Exp	254.87	254.87
Office Equip. Exp.	3,322.68	3,322.68
Office Supplies Exp	235.28	235.28
Copies Exp	1,409.63	1,409.63
Web Host/Domain	28.52	28.52

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Literature & Trainging Ex	119.97	119.97
Administrative Exp	1,020.73	1,020.73
Credit Card Fees	87.50	87.50
Bank Service Fees	5.00	5.00
Subtotal Administrative Expenses	6,484.18	6,484.18
GUEST SPEAKERS EXPENSES		
Guest Speaker Exp	324.52	324.52
Guest Speaker Honorarium	700.00	700.00
Subtotal Guest Speakers Expenses	1,024.52	1,024.52
CLEANING EXPENSES		
Cleaning Exp	101.12	101.12
Char's Cleaning Exp	4,420.00	4,420.00
Cleaning Supplies Exp	720.04	720.04
Subtotal Cleaning Expenses	5,241.16	5,241.16
OTHER EXPENSES		
Sound Supplies Exp	223.93	223.93
Outreach Exp	119.31	119.31
Hospitality Exp.	624.15	624.15
Fellowship Dinners Exp.	557.61	557.61
PK Camp/Retreat	260.00	260.00
Subtotal Other Expenses	1,785.00	1,785.00
Subtotal General Expenses	141,252.81	141,252.81
FAMILY TRAINING EXPENSES		
FT - Events Exp	57.53	57.53
FT - Curriculum	309.98	309.98
Subtotal Family Training Expenses	367.51	367.51
CUTTING EDGE EXPENSES		
CE - Events EXP	228.45	228.45
CE - Hospitality Exp	80.00	80.00
Subtotal Cutting Edge Expenses	308.45	308.45
WOMEN'S MINISTRY EXPENSES		
WM - Events Exp	560.78	560.78
WM - Fundraiser Exp	50.34	50.34
WM - Literature Exp	24.36	24.36
WM - Flowers Exp	148.85	148.85
WM - Hospitality Exp	217.09	217.09
Subtotal Women's Ministry Expenses	1,001.42	1,001.42
MEN'S MINISTRY EXPENSES		
Men - Events Exp	215.13	215.13
Men - Hospitality Exp	108.98	108.98
Subtotal Men's Ministry Expenses	324.11	324.11
WORSHIP EXPENSES		
Worship - Supplies Exp	60.39	60.39
MULTI MEDIA EXPENSES		

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MMM - TV54 Air Time Exp	768.00	768.00
MISSION EXPENSES		
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MISSION		
Miss - D. Johnson EXP	300.00	300.00
Miss. - DiMutso EXP	300.00	300.00
Miss - K. Prevost EXP	300.00	300.00
Miss - Hugh Duncan EXP	300.00	300.00
Miss - Jarvis EXP	300.00	300.00
Miss - W. MI.Teen Ch. Exp	240.00	240.00
Subtotal Assemblies Of God Mission	1,740.00	1,740.00
Miss.- CMA EXP	120.00	120.00
Miss - Speaker Honorarium	286.00	286.00
Miss - Speaker EXP	78.75	78.75
Subtotal Mission Expenses	2,224.75	2,224.75
STORE EXPENSES		
Store Product EXP	-11.90	-11.90
Store Equipment EXP	125.00	125.00
Subtotal Store Expenses	113.10	113.10
TOTAL EXPENSES	146,420.54	146,420.54
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	-\$11,673.00	-\$11,673.00